

Allegan District Library Animal Policy

Purpose

The Animal Policy of the Allegan District Library is meant to further ensure the safety of all patrons as well the integrity of the library building and furnishings.

Guidelines

Animals are not allowed in the library building except for the following:

- We welcome service dogs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Michigan Compiled Laws Section 750.502c. We reserve the right to question if the dog is a service animal required because of a disability, and what tasks the service animal has been trained to perform.
- The service animal must be under control of its handler and wear a harness, leash, or other tether unless the handler is unable to use these because of a disability.
- We allow animals provided by organizations hired and trained to conduct outreach educational programming in public institutions and may offer library programming featuring these animals.

Emotional support animals, comfort animals, and therapy dogs are not service animals under Title I and Title II of the ADA. If you would like to bring your emotional support animal, comfort animal, or therapy dog into the library, you must submit the request in writing to the Director of the library.

We may ask that you remove the service animal from the library building if the service animal is out of control and its handler does not take effective action to control it, or if the service animal is not housebroken.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Facilities Committee every four years.

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